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Jessie, log this in as a comment. Thanks!

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I would like to state my opposition to the inclusion in the plan of the three controversial, expensive and unnecessary projects originally proposed by Governor Murkowski-the Gravina and Knik Arm bridges, and especially the Juneau road. The new engineering study suggests that the true cost of the Juneau road will be significantly higher than the projected cost, which already is extraordinarily high. At minimum the true cost needs to be determined first by an independent audit.

Our state resources are already stretched trying to maintain and improve existing roads. Lets not add to that mix a costly-to-maintain road that has high avalanche risks. We are lucky to have a mass transit system in place that has served Haines, Skagway and Juneau quite well for over 40 years. Let's give priority to further improving that.

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